

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE TO MR. KENNETH E.  
RUSSELL

**HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 10, 2003*

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, I would like to pay special tribute to Mr. Kenneth E. Russell, a member of my constituency and a true American hero.

Ken Russell is the last surviving member of a group of 17 paratroopers who, in the early hours of D-Day in 1944, parachuted into the town of Ste. Mere Eglise, France.

Ken's heroism and bravery are to be commended. His actions during the D-Day operation have been included in many histories of the liberation of France, including D-Day and the Citizen Soldiers by Dr. Stephen Ambrose, among others.

As he made his way to the ground from his C-47 troop transport, Ken witnessed unthinkable violence. Many of his colleagues did not make it to the ground before being shot by German gunfire.

Both Ken and his friend, John Steel, landed atop a church in Ste. Mere Eglise. Ken landed especially hard, causing damage to his spine which limits his activities to this day. Both paratroopers were helpless as their parachutes were tangled in the church rooftop.

As he dangled helplessly above the ground, Ken was hit in the light hand by German gunfire from the ground below. While still suspended in their chutes, both Ken and John were spotted by a German soldier. Before the German could shoot at Ken and John, he was shot by another American, Sgt. John Ray.

After freeing himself from the church rooftop, Ken Russell blended into the landscape and later met up with paratroopers from the 82nd and 101st Airborne. Soon after, the troops set up a defensive position on a road leading to Ste. Mere Eglise and came under attack several times. Each time they were successful in defending their position.

For the wounds he sustained on the church rooftop, Ken Russell was awarded two Purple Hearts. For his determination and bravery, he was awarded the Silver Star.

Mr. Speaker, Ken Russell is a true American hero. His selfless actions during the D-Day operation saved lives and contributed to our great victory in World War II. I can say without hesitation that our country would be a much better place today if there were more people here like Ken Russell.

As we approach the 60th anniversary of D-Day, I hope all Americans will remember the sacrifices made by so many soldiers like Ken and will take time to thank them for their service.

100TH BIRTHDAY WISHES FOR  
ANNA CHARLOTTE JILG  
KOSLOWSKE

**HON. MARILYN N. MUSGRAVE**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 10, 2003*

Mrs. MUSGRAVE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Anna Charlotte Jilg Koslowske who will turn 100 years old on September 29. She was born near Florissant, MS, to the family of Adolf and Caroline Jilg. Her father had immigrated as a child to America from Austria in 1859. The family had a vegetable farm outside of St. Louis, and the eleven children all learned the meaning of hard work and its rewards. They were all expected to help in the fields and in preparing the produce for market. Anna's father would drive the mule-drawn wagon into St. Louis to deliver the fresh produce. This way of life supported the family for many years.

Like many people from those days, Anna is pretty much self-taught, as children were needed to help at home or find work at an early age. Her teacher arranged for Anna to complete grades seven and eight in 1 year so the teacher could claim an eighth-grade graduate. After her graduation, Anna was hired by a family in St. Louis to care for the gentleman's terminally ill wife. Her compassionate and caring nature, in addition to her experience of living and working within a large family, made her an excellent candidate.

As a young woman Anna journeyed to Zap, ND, to visit her sister and while there, met the Rev. George Koslowske, a pastor in the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. They were married on May 17, 1925, and to this union came seven children, all of whom are still living.

Anna moved with her husband from North Dakota to Waco, NE, where they served a rural parish, St. Johns, for 20 years. In 1950 they moved their family to Big Springs, NE, answering God's call to Zion Lutheran Church. During his ministry there, George was called home by the Lord in 1958, leaving Anna to provide for the two youngest children, ages 13 and 15. Anna worked then as a cook in the local Dairy King. Once the children were on their own, she served as a nanny for several families until 1974, when she moved to Holyoke, CO where she still resides.

Anna has been blessed with 15 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren, and 2 great-great-grandchildren. She also has one living sister, Lillian Dueker, who recently celebrated her 102nd birthday.

Anna and her children are grateful for the Lord's blessings during her 100 years. She has led a quiet, prayerful life. She was an excellent mother and mentor to her children, always stressing a Christian attitude. Her favorite reprimand was "If you can't say anything nice, don't say anything at all." She continues to be an example and joy to those around her.

I am proud to honor Anna on the occasion of her 100th birthday. Anna is a self taught,

hard working compassionate Christian mother and grandmother who is the embodiment of all the values that have molded America into the great nation it is today.

ELSAH SESQUICENTENNIAL

**HON. JOHN SHIMKUS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 10, 2003*

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the village of Elsah, Illinois and honor its sesquicentennial this year.

Elsah was founded in 1853, and named by one of its founding fathers, General James Semple. General Semple's ancestors were from Scotland, and, according to town tradition, the village's prominent limestone bluffs reminded him of an island just off the Firth of Clyde, "Ailsa Craig." Named after this Scottish island, the Mississippi River village slightly resembles a typical small, English town, with clusters of stone cottages mixed together with small yards and private gardens.

Recognized by the National Register of Historic Places in 1973, the village stands as a reminder of nineteenth century living along the Mississippi River. Its buildings represent a midwestern interpretation of nineteenth century styles, and many original buildings remain in place today. The newer buildings were built in the old styles as well, as the village wants to retain its historic feel.

However, in 1993, Elsah was greatly affected by the floods on the Mississippi River. Some nearby cities decided to take state and Federal aid and leave their waterlogged homes and businesses behind, deciding to rebuild elsewhere. The people of Elsah, however, recognized their city's historic foundation, and rebuilt their town. Damaged public buildings were refurbished, and residents worked together to rebuild their homes and lives; and they did so, successfully.

Elsah is quieter now than it was in the past, as mills, warehouses, river shipping, two railroads, local businesses, and farmers have gradually disappeared. But, the village remains strong. Inviting tourists to "leave the fast pace of everyday life" behind, Elsah represents a remnant of Midwestern, small-town life from the late 1800s. Its sesquicentennial this year is a significant milestone, and I wish the village and its people the best.

TRIBUTE TO BISHOP JOSEPH  
JOHNSON

**HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 10, 2003*

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor a man of character and grace, Bishop Joseph Johnson. Bishop Johnson serves as the Presiding Bishop of the South Atlantic District of

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the A.M.E. Zion Church, which is comprised of five conferences, and as President of the Board of Bishops.

Bishop Johnson's record of service is impeccable. He served in the U.S. Army with 15 years experience in the Airborne Division. He has served as pastor of A.M.E. Zion Churches in three different North Carolina conferences, including seven years as pastor of Trinity A.M.E. Zion Church in Southern Pines, North Carolina. After serving as pastor of Trinity A.M.E. Zion Church in Greensboro, North Carolina he spent four years presiding as Southwestern Delta Episcopal District, which is comprised of six conferences.

But his reputable service extends well outside of the church walls. In 1993, Bishop Johnson delivered the Gardner C. Taylor Lecture & Preaching Series at Duke University Divinity School. He has published "A Manual for Ministerial Studies" for the A.M.E. Zion Church, in addition to several scholarly essays on Christian stewardship requisites for ministerial practice. He passed his skills and experiences to aspiring ministers when he served for ten years as professor of practical ministry at Hood Theological Seminary of Livingstone College in North Carolina.

A native of Jacksonville, Florida, Bishop Johnson grew up in Tampa and earned a degree from North Carolina State University. He earned a Master of Divinity degree from Duke Divinity School of Duke University.

Bishop Johnson is married to Dorothy Sharpe Johnson, who now serves as missionary supervisor and Episcopal secretary of the South Atlantic District of the A.M.E. Zion church. The couple has two sons.

Mr. Speaker, Bishop Johnson has led an exceptional career dedicated to teaching and preaching the virtue of kindness. This year will be the last Palmetto Annual Conference where he would preside. He will be retiring next year, and deservedly so, as he has already contributed more to the betterment of our society than most people could hope for in one lifetime. I ask my colleagues to join me today in paying tribute to this humanitarian.

#### HONORING CONGRESSMAN TOM LEWIS

#### HON. MICHAEL BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 10, 2003*

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Tom Lewis, a friend and former colleague who epitomized what being a public servant is all about.

Tom devoted his life to serving his country and his countrymen. He fought for America in the Air Force, serving tours of duty in both World War II and Korea during his eleven-year military career. Tom used the knowledge he gained in the Air Force later in life as a jet and rocket-testing chief for Pratt and Whitney Aircraft, eventually supervising work on sensitive and sophisticated military and commercial aircraft systems.

Tom came to Congress the same year I did, in 1983, after serving as both Mayor and city councilman of North Palm Beach from 1964 to 1971. He then went on to represent that area in the Florida House of Representatives until 1980, when he was elected to the Florida Senate.

During his time in these hallowed halls, Tom zealously fought for the people of his district, whom he considered more than just constituents. He was largely responsible for saving the Hurricane Hunter Plane Program, the aircraft which fly into hurricanes to collect data so meteorologists can predict when and where these storms will hit. He also led the effort to build a much-needed VA medical center in his district, as well as to save the Big Cypress Natural Preserve, a unique part of Florida's environment.

After his retirement from Congress in 1994, he worked to protect Florida's agricultural interests during trade negotiations and led a campaign which raised \$66 million to improve a stretch of U.S. Highway 27 on which more than 100 people died between 1982 and 1997. That portion of highway in Palm Beach County now bears Tom's name.

My colleague from Florida, the distinguished Chairman of the Appropriations Committee, said it best when he noted a decade ago that there was "not a corner of his vast district that you can go without seeing the fruit of Tom's work."

Mr. Speaker, Tom was much more than a dedicated public servant. He was a loving husband to his wife, Marian. He was a devoted father to his three children. He also was one of my closest confidants in Congress. It saddened me to learn that he passed away last month. I am comforted, however, in the knowledge that he will be remembered as one of the most respected, accomplished, and honorable members of this institution.

#### HONORING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE LEADERSHIP TRAINING INSTITUTE OF AMERICA

#### HON. JOHN BOOZMAN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 10, 2003*

Mr. BOOZMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Leadership Training Institute of America and their inspiring mission of faith for America's youth.

LTIA originated in my home district of Northwest Arkansas and has successfully spread throughout the country and even to places as far away as Russia. Their purpose is to provide America's future leaders with a strong Christian foundation of faith in today's secular society.

The participants of the program attend weekend seminars that teach them how their faith is a logical solution for many of the world's most challenging problems. They learn how to debate their worldly colleagues in an intelligent and inviting method. Furthermore, the students may attend a weeklong seminar once a year—here in our nation's capitol. While here, they meet with leaders in the Christian movement, attend discussions with their colleagues from all over the nation, and meet with their Congressional representatives.

I believe this training is vital in preparing our future leaders to take their place in society. The youth of today face physical, emotional, and social challenges that shock the imagination. They are inundated with graphic images of sex and drugs everywhere they turn. Yet, we expect them to maintain their childhood innocence, without providing them with the tools

they need to combat the horrible examples they receive. LTIA provides America with a wonderful solution of a generation steeped in their Christian faith and trained to face a materialistic society.

As the former President Ronald Reagan said, "The future doesn't belong to the faint-hearted; it belongs to the brave." I believe the students involved in the Leadership Training Institute of America are part of our brave future and I applaud their efforts to make America an even greater nation than she is today.

#### HONORING BRAVERY OF MARINE STAFF SGT. BRIAN IVERS

#### HON. MARILYN N. MUSGRAVE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 10, 2003*

Mrs. MUSGRAVE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Marine Staff Sgt. Brian Ivers for his bravery in the face of combat during Operation Freedom in Iraq. Mr. Ivers is a resident of Fort Collins and is a Police Officer of that fair city.

Serving his country on active duty in the Fox 2nd Battalion, 23rd Marine Regiment, 1st Division, his company was ordered to rescue a group of Marine artillerymen who took a wrong turn in the town of Al Gaharraf. Encountering a near blinding sand and rain storm as they entered the town, no air support could be provided.

Staff Sergeant Ivers' platoon came under fire as they entered Al Gaharraf. As the first platoon dismounted, they immediately engaged with the enemy. Sergeant Jim Cawley's platoon worked to suppress the enemy long enough to allow Sergeant Ivers' platoon to enter the town.

Sergeant Cawley's platoon fought a gun battle while occupying a building. A grenade was launched into the building and leveled many of the marines because of the concussion. Enemy fire had increased all around them while they were returning fire. One of the marines was trapped inside the building.

Staff Sergeant Ivers attempted to rescue him. In his own words, Brian said, "I got up to get him as I thought I could just grab his hand and drag him out. As I moved along the wall, rounds began to punch holes out of the concrete in front of me. I turned to go back to where I had just come from and was struck in the side with a round. The force of it spun me around and at the time I thought I had been hit in the kidney."

Later, Brian would realize that the bayonet had taken the impact of the round, deflecting it to his flack jacket, thus saving his life. His platoon was in contact with the enemy for over a half hour and was running low on ammunition. They were finally told to pull out because air cover was expected. A tank showed up about 40 minutes later.

Brian's ribs were blue with bruises. Months later, Brian found out that he had broken the eleventh rib—a good reminder that their battle had saved a unit of the eleventh Marines.

Because he received a wound while in combat, Staff Sergeant Brian Ivers will receive the Purple Heart. Mr. Speaker, we are so fortunate to live in this great country where freedom is something that we rarely have to think about and often take for granted. It is simply a way of life for us, and we are truly blessed

to live in a country that honors its citizens for their spirit, their ideas, their individuality, and their courage.

I am so proud of Staff Sergeant Brian Ivers. Along with a grateful district, state, and nation, I applaud Brian Ivers for his courage and selfless dedication to duty. He has helped protect our democracy and kept our homeland safe by placing his life on the line.

TRANSPORTATION, TREASURY,  
AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES  
APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2004

SPEECH OF

**HON. RON KIND**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 9, 2003*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2989) making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation and Treasury, and independent agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes:

Mr. KIND. Mr. Chairman, I rise today in support of the Flake/McGovern amendment to lift the United States travel ban to Cuba.

Over the past 40 years, our policy of isolation toward Cuba has been an arguable failure. The removal of the totalitarian regime in Cuba has not occurred—even a decade after the fall of the Soviet Union, Cuba's primary financial sponsor. Positive movements toward political change have not occurred in Cuba over the past 40 years—even as an overwhelming number of former communist regimes have collapsed and embraced democratic principles. These factors beg the question of whether our current policy toward Cuba is the best course of action for the people of the United States and the people of Cuba. At the very least, these factors demand that we reexamine our current policy.

With the free exchange of ideas and words profoundly important in American culture, it seems contradictory that our government would deny its people the opportunity to peaceably spread this concept without unnecessary restrictions. If the central mission of American Foreign policy is to protect Americans and our interests abroad, how does restricting the ability of Americans to travel to Cuba, a nation deemed by the U.S. Department of Defense as not posing a "military threat to the U.S. or to any other countries in the region," justifiable?

I am concerned that Cuban civilians suffer under government oppression, and it is time to confront the fact that denying direct American tourism to Cuba has resulted in no beneficial change. The island of Cuba is only 90 miles away from the United States and is surrounded by nations that embrace democracy. Positive steps to bring American ideas and words to Cuba are the right course of action, and I urge my colleagues to support this amendment.

TRANSPORTATION, TREASURY,  
AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES  
APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2004

SPEECH OF

**HON. TOM UDALL**

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 9, 2003*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2989) making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation and Treasury, and independent agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes:

Mr. UDALL of New Mexico. Mr. Chairman, today, as we consider the FY04 appropriations bill for the Departments of Transportation and Treasury, I find myself facing a familiar dilemma. So often during consideration of appropriations bills, I, as I'm sure many of my colleagues do as well, face difficult choices when voting on final passage. Because appropriations bills often include so many provisions, there are always positives and negatives. It is the nature of appropriations bills that we are forced to determine whether or not the good outweighs the bad.

As we prepare to vote on final passage of this bill, a similar assessment has to be made. I am deeply disappointed in many parts of this bill, most notably the less than minimal funding for Amtrak. However, because the bill also has very important funding for New Mexico and the Nation, I will be voting in favor of passage. I cannot let the perfect—which this bill clearly is not—be the enemy of the good—which this bill is.

Before I do cast my vote, I would like to voice my displeasure with both the funding provided for Amtrak, and also for the flawed process. Not surprisingly, the Rules Committee has once again stifled debate by not allowing Mr. OLVER to offer his amendment to increase Amtrak funding by \$500 million. The \$900 million included in the bill is insufficient to ensure the solvency of an essential element of our national transportation network. Should Amtrak be unable to continue its important service, not only would our transportation system be severely weakened, but many communities that heavily rely on Amtrak and its passengers for economic sustainability would be devastated. Many communities in New Mexico are heavily reliant on Amtrak for their economic well-being, and they would badly struggle without it.

However, as I said earlier, there are often many positives along with the negatives in an appropriations bill, and this bill is no exception. Overall, the FY04 Appropriations bill before us provides a 3 percent increase over last years bill, and provides 4 percent more funding than the administration proposed. In addition, the bill provides \$34.6 billion in total highway funding, 7 percent more than current funding and 14 percent more than requested. The bill also provides \$7.2 billion for mass transit programs and \$500 million for election reform activities authorized by the 2002 Federal election standards overhaul law.

I strongly support these provisions and recognize how important the funding provided in this bill is for investment in the Nation's highway, transit and aviation programs, which are all so critical to our safety and homeland secu-

rity efforts, as well as to economic development. Therefore, I support this legislation. However, I will vote in support of this bill with the strong hope that the insufficient Amtrak funding will be addressed in conference.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. TAMMY BALDWIN**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 10, 2003*

Ms. BALDWIN. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall 456, final passage of H.R. 2861, the FY04 VA-HUD and Independent Agencies Appropriations bill, I was recorded as voting "yea." I oppose this bill and intended to vote "nay." This bill significantly underfunds veterans' health care. Our veterans' health care system is in crisis with an average of 200,000 veterans waiting six months or more for an appointment at Veterans Administration hospitals. The funding in this bill is clearly inadequate to meet the needs of our veterans. We must deliver the quality health care that was promised to those who have served to protect American security around the world.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. JOE KNOLLENBERG**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 10, 2003*

Mr. KNOLLENBERG. Mr. Speaker, on September 9, 2003, I was unavoidably absent and missed rollcall vote Nos. 481-488. For the record, had I been present, I would have voted: No. 481, "no"; No. 482, "no"; No. 483, "no"; No. 484, "no"; No. 485, "no"; No. 486, "no"; No. 487, "no"; and No. 488, "no".

CONGRATULATING 137TH SPACE  
WARNING SQUADRON

**HON. MARILYN N. MUSGRAVE**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 10, 2003*

Mrs. MUSGRAVE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate a truly outstanding part of this nation's defense—the 137th Space Warning Squadron based in Greeley, Colorado. For the second time in three years (an unequaled achievement), that unit has won the Distinguished Mission Support Plaque given by the National Guard Association of the United States.

This national award is given to only five outstanding units throughout all the Guard both Army and Air.

In addition to Colonel William Hudson, I would like to recognize the leadership at the 137th of Major Daniel Salgado and Major David Simmons for their outstanding work, as well as Brigadier General Mike Edwards (at the 140th Wing, Buckley AFB) and Major General Mason Whitney (the Colorado Adjutant General). The award shows the outstanding ability, competence, and potential of our Colorado Guardsmen at the Greeley location.

Additionally, the 137th in 2002 received many accolades for inspections, conversions,

support, and community service. I am so proud that this unit is in the Fourth Congressional District and going above and beyond in its defense of the United States of America. May God bless them for their service.

A TRIBUTE TO FORMER REPRESENTATIVE CHARLES E. BENNETT OF FLORIDA

HON. E. CLAY SHAW, JR.

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 10, 2003

Mr. SHAW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today as Chairman of Florida's Congressional Delegation to honor the extraordinary life of former Congressman Charles E. Bennett. I would be hard pressed, Mr. Speaker, to find a better and more compelling individual dedicated to ethical reforms than Mr. Bennett in his 44 years in the House. Mr. Bennett was a long time proponent of such reforming legislation as the creation of the House Ethics Committee and the 1965 Voting Rights Act. Earning the title of "Mr. Clean" for his unwavering determination to financial disclosure, Mr. Bennett set an example for all public servants as early as 1950.

Mr. Bennett attended the University of Florida and graduated in 1934 with both a Bachelor and Law degree. During World War II, Charlie defended his country with undying patriotism and fearless courage in the South Pacific, earning the Silver and Bronze Stars for his distinguished service. In 1948, Mr. Bennett was elected to the 81st Congress representing the Jacksonville metropolitan area. Forty-four years later, Charlie remains Florida's longest serving member of Congress. Despite contracting polio from his Army days, Congressman Bennett served his country with such fervor and passion rarely seen before or since.

In the early 1990's, Charlie's advocacy for the disabled community translated into his strong support and sponsorship of the Americans with Disabilities Act. Despite the use of crutches, Charlie only missed one legislative vote in 41 years; a remarkable legislative accomplishment. Mr. Bennett was also an accomplished author of seven books, as well as a passionate advocate of the preservation of Florida's natural resources and history. A well-respected member of his community, Mr. Bennett has a Federal building and a school dedicated in his name for his remarkable service to his country.

Mr. Speaker, Charlie and I served side-by-side for 12 years before his retirement in 1993, and the news of his death has greatly saddened our State, our country, and me. I am honored to have called Charles Bennett a friend and colleague during his remarkable life and our prayers go out to his surviving family; his wife Dorothy; his children Bruce, James, and Cindy; and his three grandchildren. Charles Bennett will always have a place in the hearts of everyone he represented and his memory will no doubt live forever in the State of Florida.

TRANSPORTATION AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2004

SPEECH OF

HON. EARL POMEROY

OF NORTH DAKOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 9, 2003

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2989) making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation and Treasury, and independent agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes:

Mr. POMEROY. Mr. Chairman, I rise today in support of full funding for the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA). Congress made a commitment to election reform with the passage of this Act last year and should provide the funding required for HAVA-mandated improvements.

An amendment offered by the Honorable ALCEE HASTINGS to H.R. 2989 would have increased HAVA's funding to its authorized level of \$727 million. This was offset by eliminating \$165 million from Internal Revenue Service (IRS) information system funding. While I support efforts to increase HAVA funding, necessary maintenance and improvements to the IRS' information system are critical. For these reasons, I was compelled to vote against H. Amdt. 357.

I look forward to considering further legislation regarding HAVA funding in the future. Election reform is important to democracy in our country and in North Dakota. It is my hope that Congress will find a way to fully fund HAVA without reducing support for the necessary work of the IRS.

LEGISLATION FOR CONSTRUCTION OF VA FACILITY IN EAST-CENTRAL FLORIDA

HON. CORRINE BROWN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 10, 2003

Ms. CORRINE BROWN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, today I rise as a member of the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs, as a Congresswoman from Florida, to offer legislation that authorizes \$170 million for construction of a much-needed VA facility in East-Central, Florida.

The legislation comes about after VA released, to the Capital Assets Realignment for Enhanced Services Commission, a draft report for VA review. The draft report recommends that Florida's East-Central Market receive a new hospital.

Florida's Central Market has the largest workload gap and the greatest infrastructure investment need of any market in the United States. The CARES draft report states that the logical choice for a new hospital in Florida is Orlando. There is a former 150-bed Naval Hospital in Orlando, originally designed for two additional floors, which can be restructured to take on additional services.

This will mean a big difference in many veterans' lives because currently more than 50 percent of them must travel 60 miles or one

hour to the nearest VA facility. This is a problem that must be addressed now. Veteran population growth within a two-hour radius continues unabated. If a new facility is not available to veterans in East-Central, Florida soon, the hardship of long drives and waiting periods will grow even greater for our veterans.

As the Congresswoman from Florida's third district, I know firsthand of the need for a new VA facility in Orlando. I have been there for our veterans time and time again. I personally escorted former VA Secretary Jesse Brown to the old Naval facility in Orlando and told him what a perfect site it would be for a VA outpatient clinic. The James V. Haley VA Hospital in Orlando, Florida was later opened, and it is proving to be the best location available to provide even greater services to our veterans.

The goal of the CARES commission is to modernize the VA health care system. This is an important first step in making certain that the needs of our veterans are met. They are indeed, the best of the best, and deserve to be treated as such.

I abhor the treatment of America's veterans under this administration. From the shabby effort to provide for full funding of concurrent receipt, to the exclusion of new Priority Eight veterans from the VA health care rolls, this administration has proven that it is a miserable failure at treating our veterans with the honor and gratitude that they have earned.

ANIBAL ACEVEDO-VILÁ, of Puerto Rico, and SHELLEY BERKLEY, of Nevada, join me in sponsoring this measure that additionally provides \$250 million for the construction of a VA hospital in Las Vegas, Nevada, and \$30 million for seismic upgrades at the VA medical center in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

I would like to thank Senators BOB GRAHAM of Florida, and HARRY REID of Nevada for introducing the companion legislation to this bill in the United States Senate.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 10, 2003

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, had I been present for rollcall No. 481, I would have voted "no." On rollcall No. 482, I would have voted "no." On rollcall No. 483, I would have voted "yes." On rollcall No. 484, I would have voted "yes." On rollcall No. 485, I would have voted "yes." On rollcall No. 486, I would have voted "yes." On rollcall No. 487, I would have voted "yes." On rollcall No. 488, I would have voted "yes." On rollcall No. 489, I would have voted "yes." On rollcall No. 490, I would have voted "no." On rollcall No. 491, I would have voted "no."

A TRIBUTE TO BARUCH TENENBAUM

HON. TOM LANTOS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 10, 2003

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I am delighted to pay tribute to Baruch Tenenbaum, a truly

remarkable person. He has, in an extraordinary way, made enormous efforts to promote the life and mission of World War II hero Raoul Wallenberg. As a young Swedish diplomat, Wallenberg was responsible for saving nearly 100,000 Jews in Budapest from the horror of the Holocaust. This brave man disappeared in 1945, last seen going to meet with members of the Soviet army. Though many theories regarding his disappearance abound, the world continues to wait for answers regarding Wallenberg's fate. Mr. Tenenbaum is one of the most visible leaders in carrying on Raoul Wallenberg's name.

Mr. Speaker, even before Mr. Tenenbaum started to work for Raoul Wallenberg's cause he had lived an extraordinary life. He was devoted to supporting the Jewish community in Argentina and to creating a deeper understanding between Jews and Catholics worldwide. He was the First General Director of the Argentine-Israeli Cultural Institute and focused the majority of his efforts on educational endeavors. Some of his undertakings included founding the Tarbut School and organizing the first Latin American Bible contest. In addition, he translated Spanish classics and *Haskala* literature into Hebrew and Yiddish.

In 1966, together with writer Jorge Lues Borges, Tenenbaum founded the first inter-confessional organization, Casa Argentina en Jerusalem (Argentine House in Jerusalem). This organization has received many distinctions on behalf of the Vatican for its work in promoting ecumenism. Tenenbaum's outstanding commitment to the Jewish and Catholic communities has earned him accolades and honors from Pope Paul VI and from Monsignor Antonio Caggiano, Cardinal Primate of Argentina.

Mr. Tenenbaum and I co-founded the International Raoul Wallenberg Foundation (IRWF) in 1997. Since then, we have worked tirelessly to make Raoul Wallenberg's story known around the world. Mr. Tenenbaum has personally convinced over 60 heads of states to become members of IRWF. Some members include German Chancellor Gerhard Schröder, Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, former U.S. President Gerald Ford, and Nobel Peace Prize Laureates Dalai Lama and Elie Wiesel.

Mr. Speaker, I know you will agree that preserving the memory of Raoul Wallenberg is very important. Wallenberg is a truly timeless role model for all generations, representing an ideal sense of selflessness and caring of all people. He taught us about the importance of standing up for the immutable rights of all people and the need to combat evil when it confronts us. Wallenberg will always serve as a reminder of the tremendous difference just one man can make, and keeping his spirit alive means ensuring and preserving the spirit of humanity. In carrying on Raoul Wallenberg's name, Mr. Tenenbaum has made a tremendous effort in keeping his spirit alive and carrying his message on to future generations.

Under the direction of Mr. Tenenbaum, the IRWF has undertaken a number of various endeavors to further the memories of Holocaust heroes, including Raoul Wallenberg. There have been a number of statues raised and countless exhibits displayed around the world as a result of IRWF's efforts, honoring keepers of humanity during the Holocaust. In addition, Wallenberg has been honored throughout the world with commemorative postage stamps,

and a number of streets and schools named in his honor. The IRWF's goals for these initiatives in honor of Wallenberg and other Holocaust heroes is to stimulate the educational authorities in dozens of countries to teach not only the stories of the Holocaust, but also the stories of the heroes that emerged from the horrors. By educating future generations about the plight of Holocaust heroes like Wallenberg, perhaps they will adopt just a fraction of the humanitarian values these brave men and women held.

Mr. Speaker, at the age of 67, Mr. Tenenbaum has never received a salary nor any other financial compensation for his work. He covers nearly all IRWF expenses himself and he devotes all his time to the Raoul Wallenberg cause. I am honored to pay tribute to this extraordinary man and I urge all of my colleagues to join me in congratulating Baruch Tenenbaum for his outstanding achievements. This exceptional person is truly an inspiration to us all. Like the man whose legacy he works tirelessly to preserve, Mr. Tenenbaum is living proof that one man can make a difference.

#### A TRIBUTE TO EAST SURRY LITTLE LEAGUE GIRLS 16 AND UNDER FAST PITCH SOFTBALL TEAM

#### HON. RICHARD BURR

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 10, 2003*

Mr. BURR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to offer my congratulations to the fine athletes of the East Surry Little League of Pilot Mountain's 16-and-under girls' fast pitch softball team. The dedication, talent, and hard work of these girls has won them a place in North Carolina's history as the very first North Carolina team to win a Little League World Series Championship.

After a series of wins, the girls of East Surry clinched their final victory against Kentucky to claim the title as World Series Champions. Their victory on August 16, 2003 in Jeffersonton, Kentucky is certain to be remembered with pride in the hearts and minds of North Carolinians for many years to come.

I commend the fine sportsmanship of these girls and wish them a future of successes. I am proud of their efforts in placing North Carolina among the states to hold a Little League World Series Championship win.

To Manager Breck Honeycutt, Coaches Mike Burge and Brent Hull, and players Samantha Smith, Haley Burge, Kate Jewell, Karlie Love, Beth Hauser, Megan Hull, Sara Bartlett, Catherine Mitchell, Lauren Angel, Brooke Honeycutt, Jessica Hauser, Rachael Brooks, and Ashley Simmons, I assure you that the people of Surry County, and indeed all North Carolinians, are very proud of your accomplishments.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. VITO FOSSELLA

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 10, 2003*

Mr. FOSSELLA. Mr. Speaker, I am not recorded on rollcalls Nos. 476 and 477. I was

unavoidably detained and was not present to vote. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay" on rollcalls Nos. 476 and 477.

#### RECOGNIZING THE ARTICLE "REMEMBERING THE AWESOME LESSONS OF THE HOLOCAUST"

#### HON. J. RANDY FORBES

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 10, 2003*

Mr. FORBES. Mr. Speaker, I rise to call attention to the article "Remembering the Awesome Lessons of the Holocaust" written by Rabbi Israel Zoberman. The article appeared in the *Virginian-Pilot* and *The Ledger-Star* on Saturday, June 12, 1993.

Rabbi Zoberman is spiritual leader of Congregation Beth Chaverim in Virginia Beach. Born in Chu, Kazakhstan, in 1945, and raised in Haifa, Israel, he is the son of Polish Holocaust survivors.

#### REMEMBERING THE AWESOME LESSONS OF THE HOLOCAUST

Visiting the recently dedicated official United States Holocaust Memorial Museum is not an ordinary experience, nor should it be one.

Along with fellow Americans, gentiles and Jews from all walks of life, I was conscious of entering upon sacred space. The resultant education experience, through ingenious multimedia presentation and architectural genius, exposes us to the unfolding stages of the Third Reich's evil, allowing us a closer reach to an unfathomable reality.

We are led on a journey whose consequences of disaster for the Jewish people and for humanity in general become increasingly evident at each turn.

Hitler's early threats were far from idle. What was dismissed as the political rhetoric of a novice was methodically translated into a program of genocide. Failure to stop the Nazi regime early on yielded the largest harvest of death in history.

Recognizing that the tragedy's magnitude is such that without personalizing it we risk losing it, we watch a tower of photos depicting the life of an entire community that is no more, from family gatherings and children at play to loved ones and pastoral calm. In two days of mass executions, 3,000 Jews, young and old, of Elshishok, Lithuania, where Jews had lived for 900 years, were slain. This was one among more than 4,950 destroyed communities.

Focusing on the shoes of gassed victims, my eye caught one belonging to a child. Who can remain neutral toward a little one's fate?

The video (hidden from view of those who could not bear it) of the medical experiments on live subjects—gypsies and twins were favorites—was ample proof of science's culpability and academicians' corruptibility. Yet, the inspiring example of the French village of Chambon, which saved 5,000 Jews, including many children, from round-up and deportation, shines through the darkness.

Watching on-screen survivors reminisce illustrated the power of witness and the sacred duty to preserve their essential legacy, as age diminishes their numbers, for the sake of those to follow.

At the tour's beginning one receives a passport of a person who encountered the war. Mine was of a man who expired en route to the Belzec death camp where many members of my own extended family perished. One identity card bears the name of a surviving relative, Gitla Zoberman (now Gertrude Kupfer), who lives in Richmond, Virginia.

The museum's honored location in Washington, DC, near our national shrines, reflects the awesome lessons of the Holocaust. It is a grim though necessary reminder that democracy entails eternal vigilance and those revisionists who attempt to rewrite history, claiming that the painful past is a malicious Jewish invention, will have to face life's hard facts.

The fitting memorial, at a substantial cost of \$170 million, is an investment in all that we hold dear. It ought to ever arouse humanity's collective conscience, as I agonizingly contemplate the overdue need to put an end to the horrors in the former Yugoslavia.

I emerged from the trying four-hour visit with a sense of catharsis, cleansed to meet the world with a sharper awareness, to turn my tears into a well of hope for the future of all.

#### TRIBUTE TO MICHAEL ALLEN

##### HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 10, 2003*

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Michael Allen, a dedicated public servant and valued friend. Michael is an Education Specialist for the National Park Service's Fort Sumter Group in Charleston, South Carolina, and was recently named a recipient of the William C. Everhart Award for 2003.

The William C. Everhart Award is given for sustained achievements in interpretations that have illuminated, created insights to, and fostered appreciation of cultural and natural heritage. The award will be presented to Michael on October 2, 2003 at Clemson University.

The Fort Sumter Group consists of Fort Sumter National Monument, Fort Moultrie and Charles Pinckney National Historic Site and Michael has served as their Education Specialist for three years. He was nominated for the award, in large measure, because of work in developing the educational curriculum and programs for the sites, and his leading role in the National Park Service's Gullah-Geechee Special Resource Study. The Gullah-Geechee project is one in which I take particular pride and am very proud of the role I played in securing its authorization. The final report on this unique cultural treasure is expected to be presented to the Congress in December of this year.

Michael is also a great resource and advocate in interpreting the whole and complete story of the American Civil War in the Southeast Region of the National Park Service.

Michael grew up in Kingstree, South Carolina, and is a 1982 graduate of South Carolina State University with a degree in History Education. He began his public career with the National Park Service in 1980, and has been married for 15 years to the former LaTanya Prather of James Island, South Carolina. Michael and LaTanya currently live in Mount Pleasant, South Carolina and are the parents of three children; Brandon, Shaelyn, and Isaiah.

Mr. Speaker, I commend Michael for the recognition given him for his tireless and exemplary public service, and ask that you and my colleagues join me in this tribute to his tireless and selfless service.

#### CONGRATULATING THE LA MIRADA JUNIOR BASEBALL LEAGUE

##### HON. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 10, 2003*

Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ. Mr. Speaker, on August 16, 2003, the La Mirada Junior League baseball team won in its first appearance in the Junior League World Series by defeating Santiago, Panama 8–7 for the title of 2003 Junior League World Champions.

La Mirada, located 18 miles southeast of Los Angeles, is the fourth Junior League baseball team from California to win the World Championship.

The La Mirada team, also the California state champions, started the four-team Western Regional Tournament with a 5–3 loss to Scottsdale, Arizona, but came back with four straight victories to win the title.

La Mirada eliminated Aiea, Hawaii, which won the Junior League World Series in 2000 and 2001, then beat hosting Union City, California and won two straight games over Arizona to arrive at the Junior League World Series with a 17–2 overall record.

Founded in 1981, the Junior League World Series is the older brother of the Little League World Series. The Junior League World Series is a spectacular weeklong international tournament for the best teams of 13- and 14-year-old baseball players from around the world and is played every year in beautiful Heritage Park in Taylor, Michigan.

It has blossomed to include teams from around the globe: from Europe, Latin America, the Asia-Pacific region, Canada, and the United States. To date, participating teams have come from 27 different states in the U.S., four Canadian provinces, Mexico, Puerto Rico, Belgium, Saudi Arabia, the Czech Republic, Germany, Guam, Poland, Venezuela, Saipan and, for the first time in 2003, Russia.

La Mirada's all-star roster included: Chris Amezcuita, Jordyn Baldwin, Jason Dovel, Frankie Fichera, George Gonzalez, Jacob Johnson, Stephen Kaupang, Michael Le Blanc, Brandon Pesante, Kevin Platzer, A.J. Rodriguez and Taylor Seimens with coaches Larry Kaupang and Gary Bouchard, and Manager Jim Gordon.

La Mirada braved rain delays and lack of electricity caused by the Nation's largest power outage during the week-long tournament to win against regional champions Mansfield, Massachusetts (East); Urbandale, Iowa (Central); Bridgewater, Virginia (South); and Sugar Land, Texas (Southwest) to become the United States champion.

The final game of the international tournament between La Mirada and Panama may have been the most dramatic with the lead changing hands five times.

La Mirada won the championship game with exceptional pitching, an explosive offense and an excellent defense. La Mirada took the lead in the 6th inning with a three-run homer and fended off a final inning, two-run rally.

According to everyone involved, the trip to the Junior League World Series will be remembered by the players, coaches and their family members not only for the games played, but also for their shared memories of their time together.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

##### HON. DONALD M. PAYNE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 10, 2003*

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, on July 14, 2003, I was unavoidably detained and missed rollcall vote No. 357, the Ackerman-LaTourette amendment to the Agriculture Appropriations bill which would require that the USDA expend no funds to approve meat from downed animals—animals that are too sick to walk or stand—for food. Had I been present, I would have voted “yea.”

#### TRIBUTE TO MRS. NORA G. CLEMONS McCOWAN

##### HON. STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 10, 2003*

Mrs. JONES of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to bring recognition to a close and dear friend of mine, Mrs. Nora G. Clemons McCowan.

Mrs. McCowan was actually born in Terrell, Tennessee on September 17, 1913. She moved to Cleveland in 1946 upon wedding Wilmer R. McCowan, affectionately known as Winnie. Their marriage endured for 52 years. For several years, the couple won the Cleveland Press Beautiful Block Contest for their infamously marvelous yard. Wilmer McCowan passed away in January of 1999. Mrs. McCowan had one daughter, Dexter Louise Mosley. I sailed with her grandson on many occasions.

I know Mrs. McCowan to be a devout member of East Mt. Zion Baptist Church. She has held this membership for over 70 years. She sings in the Sanctuary Choir, leads Group 22 and is president of the Group Leaders Council. She is also involved in the Missionary Society and the Sunday school.

In the community, Mrs. McCowan sports active membership with the Passadena Street Club and serves as Precinct Captain during election season.

I have known Mrs. McCowan my entire life. She is a clear role model for all people in Ohio's 11th Congressional District.

#### TRIBUTE TO OLEY AND GRACE KOHLMAN

##### HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 10, 2003*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor and a privilege to stand before this body of Congress and this nation today to pay tribute to two remarkable citizens from my district. Oley and Grace Kohlman of North Park, Colorado have spent numerous years in service to this nation and to their community. I would like to take this time to recognize their many achievements and accomplishments.

Both Grace and Oley have dedicated much of their time to local, regional and national cattleman's associations, and various other

groups affiliated with western life. Grace was president of the North Park Pioneer Association; she is an Honorary Life Member of the North Park CattleWomen and the Colorado CattleWomen; she was also a member of the Rebekah Lodge in Walden. In his days as a soldier, Oley was part of the famous 10th Mountain Division, later becoming a member of the 10th Mountain Division Association. He was also a member of the Colorado Water Congress.

In addition to the Kohlman's contributions to regional groups affiliated with the cattle industry, they were also honored this year in recognition of fifty years as members of the Colorado Cattlemen's Association. Oley has served as chairman of the Marketing Committee and chairman of the Endowment Trust Fund, and perhaps most impressively, he also served as president of the Board of Directors for two years. Both Oley and Grace are also members of numerous national cattlemen's associations.

As members of the Junior Colorado Cattlemen's Association, they created the Oley and Grace Kohlman JCCA Scholarship, which provides tuition assistance to JCCA college students majoring or minoring in an agriculture related field of study.

Mr. Speaker, it is for their years of passionate dedication to their trade that I recognize Oley and Grace Kohlman before this body of Congress today. I am honored to pay tribute to this tremendous Colorado couple and the wonderful contributions they have made towards the betterment of their community.

H.R. 2861—VA/HUD  
APPROPRIATIONS BILL

**HON. DENNIS MOORE**

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 10, 2003*

Mr. MOORE. Mr. Speaker, today I voted in favor of the Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Act of 2004, with serious reservations about its funding levels for veterans' facilities across the country.

Veterans deserve more than this bill, which gives the VA \$2.1 billion less than the House budget resolution requested. It is unconscionable that we're not fully funding the VA. I want to see this legislation receive full funding during conference committee, before it is sent to the President. At a time when we are asking more Americans to sacrifice for our Nation, we should not cut funds for medical care facilities veterans may need upon their return home.

I hope that the conference committee can resolve differences between the House and Senate appropriations bills and will negotiate for better funding of veterans' medical care. A number of veterans' organizations have voiced their disappointment in the bill's low level of funding, including the American Legion, Disabled American Veterans, and Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States.

Earlier today, I offered an amendment to the bill that mirrored my recently-introduced bipartisan CARES legislation. This bill, H.R. 2808, would require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to give Congress 60 days to review any action proposed closure of VA facilities or beds. The legislation comes after the VA sug-

gested that the Dwight D. Eisenhower VA Medical Center in Leavenworth may be considered for possible downsizing of beds and services.

Congress needs to be involved in the process of determining the future of the VA health care system, especially if facilities are on the chopping block. Eliminating services in Leavenworth would be a disservice to the men and women who have served our country. In addition, redirecting those patients to the Kansas City VA Hospital, when there is already a six month wait for non-emergency care, would overwhelm a system that is already overwhelmed. After making a sacrifice for our country, our veterans should not be denied access to health benefits they have earned.

TRIBUTE TO RUTH MARIE  
COLVILLE

**HON. SCOTT MCINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 10, 2003*

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with a solemn heart that I stand before this body of Congress and this nation today to pay tribute to the life and passing of Ruth Marie Colville, an outstanding citizen from my district. Ruth was an active member of the Del Norte, Colorado community and she will be remembered as a respected historian, educator, and mother. Ruth passed away recently at the age of 99, leaving a legacy of leadership for her community to follow. I stand to honor that leadership here today.

Ruth was born in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania but moved to Del Norte shortly after she graduated from college. Ruth had a fascination with the West, exhibited in her love of movies and Western entertainment. Ruth began her life in Del Norte as a history teacher, calling on her English and History degrees from Wellesley College. Ruth's passion, however, was researching and documenting the life, culture, and exploration of early life in the San Luis Valley.

Ruth's passion would lead her to write several books on the history of the area, and she soon became a respected member of the educational community. For her service, Adams State College opened the Ruth Marie Colville room in the Nielsen library. Del Norte honored her by opening the Ruth Marie Center for the Community.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to pay tribute to Ruth Marie Colville before this Congress and this nation. Her hard work, enthusiasm, and leadership in the community will be sorely missed. My thoughts and prayers go out to Ruth's family and friends as they mourn her loss.

HONORING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF J. C. EHRLICH CO., INC.

**HON. TIM HOLDEN**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 10, 2003*

Mr. HOLDEN. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to have the opportunity to bring an authentic American success story to your attention.

The officers and coworkers of the J. C. Ehrlich Company are celebrating the 75th anniversary of the founding of their company in 1928. The company's founder, Julius C. Ehrlich emigrated to this country from Germany at the age of 17, eventually moving to Reading, Pennsylvania where he had a job as a manufacturer's representative selling insecticides and sprayers. In 1928, there were very few pest control companies in the country and none in Berks County. Mr. Ehrlich's sales were primarily to businesses who would apply the materials themselves.

One day he called one of his customers, a department store in Reading, who had not used the material he had sold them during his last sales visit. When he learned that the custodian had been unable to apply the material, Mr. Ehrlich, wanting to satisfy his customer and not wanting to lose a sale, offered to apply the material himself. At that moment Mr. Ehrlich, who was 56, founded the pest control service organization now known as the J. C. Ehrlich Company. Even today, as the company celebrates its 75th anniversary, the management and coworkers look back at that moment as inspiring their current success by using the same principles that Mr. Ehrlich employed at that department store—Initiative, Ingenuity and Exceeding Customer Expectations.

So while others were contemplating retirement, Julius C. Ehrlich was developing a new business. Even more impressive is the fact that the formative years of Mr. Ehrlich's business were during the early 1930's and the Great Depression.

By 1939, four of Mr. Ehrlich's nephews had immigrated to this country in order to avoid the conditions facing them as Jews in Nazi Germany. In the great traditions of many Americans, these four nephews, Arthur Hammel, Simon Hammel, Alex Ehrlich and Victor Hammel, worked tirelessly. (Unfortunately, Victor Hammel, for whom the company's current President is named, passed away in the early 1940's.) Their work ethic is underscored by the story of their arrival in late December 1937. Without knowing the English language, and without any knowledge of pest control, they started work just five days later. When questioned as to why they waited five whole days from the time they got off the ship to the time they started, Simon Hammel was quick to mention that they lost several days because of a weekend and New Year's Day. Otherwise, they would have started work more quickly. The hard work and determination of this second generation began the expansion of the J. C. Ehrlich Company beyond its Berks County roots. Its second district office was established in Pottsville. The third and fourth offices were in Lancaster and Allentown.

Today the third generation of Ehrlich family management includes three cousins, Victor Hammel, Robert Hammel and Richard Yashek.

The company's owners are quick to point out that it is the dedication of its coworkers that has made J. C. Ehrlich a premier company in its various businesses. In fact, the company states its core belief in its Vision Statement: "Above all else, we value long-lasting relationships with coworkers and customers." Among its current 1,100 coworkers are many who have reaffirmed that sentiment by working for J. C. Ehrlich for 15 years, 20 years, 25 years and more. Today, in addition



to providing pest control services, the company provides termite control, bird control, vegetation management, and bioremediation services. The company also continues Mr. Ehrlich's very first business through a division known as Ehrlich Distribution, which sells products to control pest and vegetation.

As J. C. Ehrlich celebrates its 75th anniversary, there is much to be proud of. Consider these accomplishments:

Named as one of the "Top 25 Best Places to Work in Pennsylvania";

Named "America's Finest Pest Control Company" by Pest Control Technology Magazine;

Has grown to become the largest privately-owned pest control company in North America;

Has 39 local offices servicing 8 Mid-Atlantic States and the District of Columbia; and

Most importantly, 1,100 loyal coworkers providing more than 1 million services per year.

Mr. Speaker, these accomplishments are the proud results of J. C. Ehrlich's culture. This culture can be better understood by knowing how the company's coworkers are celebrating their 75th anniversary. Instead of a major corporate celebration, Ehrlich's 39 offices decided that they would volunteer their time and effort to the local communities that had supported them through the years. With the company's encouragement, coworkers in each district office selected a local charitable organization that they could contribute time to as a group. On the selected day, the office closed and everyone worked as a team to provide community service. In total, this represents approximately 8,000 hours of time Ehrlich coworkers have donated to their local communities. I am pleased to present to you the civic contributions that the men and women of J. C. Ehrlich have made to their communities during this, their 75th anniversary:

#### PENNSYLVANIA

Allentown—Girl Scout Camp Clean-up.

Clarion—Cleaned park.

Erie—Worked at a soup kitchen for at-risk children.

Harrisburg—Riverbank Cleanup.

Hatfield—Dyed Easter Eggs and assembled baskets for the needy.

Hazleton—Cleaned up a local park.

Johnstown—Donated time to local thrift shop and soup kitchen.

Lancaster—Did clean-up and landscaping for area parks.

Lebanon—Helped to prepare for cancer fundraiser.

Lewistown—Worked on a Habitat for Humanity House.

Philadelphia—Worked at a local soup kitchen.

Pittsburgh—Cleaned up at a local zoo.

Pottstown—Yard clean up for area senior citizens.

Pottsville—Cleaned up a local park.

Reading Pest Control—Riverbank cleanup.

Reading Accounting—Children's Home of Reading.

Reading Administration—Reading Hospital.

Reading Customer Service Center—Volunteered at a local festival.

Reading Audit—Distributing food at Salvation Army.

Reading VMS—Cleaned up a local park.

Reading Technical Trainers—Girl Scout Camp Clean Up.

Reading MIS—Cleaned up at local park, delivered meals on wheels, donated special computer to needy child.

Scranton—Delivered food for Meals on Wheels.

Shamokin—Planted flowers in downtown area.

State College—Helping United Way Day of Caring.

Stroudsburg—Cleaning up local highways.

West Chester—Cleaned up a local park.

Wilkes Barre—Cleaned up a local park.

Williamsport—Cleaned up an old museum.

York—Clean up and landscaping at a local park.

#### NEW JERSEY

Avenel—Shoreline cleanup.

Bergen County—Donated pest control services to local museum.

Flemington—Fixed and helped to remodel homes for needy residents.

Vineland—Cleaned up a park.

#### NEW YORK

Binghamton—Worked in a soup kitchen.

Hudson Valley—Beach clean up at a wild life sanctuary.

Middletown—Worked on houses for Habitat for Humanity.

#### DELAWARE

Delmarva—Worked at a nursing home.

Wilmington—Sorted clothing at a local clothing bank.

#### MARYLAND

Baltimore—Helped build homes for Chesapeake Habitat.

Gaithersburg—Cleaned up a park.

Hagerstown—Spent time with Senior Citizens at a local center.

Millersville—Participated in United Way Day of Caring.

#### VIRGINIA

Newington—Served food and cleaned up at a men's shelter.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to have several J. C. Ehrlich offices throughout my Congressional District. On a personal level, my family has known the Hammel Family for at least two generations. My father, Joseph Holden and the father of the current owners, Simon Hammel, were friends in Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania. I am pleased to be able to continue that tradition of friendship. I congratulate them on their 75 years of success and wish them the best for the future.

### HONORING MARY JEAN BERG

#### HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 10, 2003*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise before this body of Congress and this Nation today to pay tribute to a selfless community servant and dedicated doctor from my district, Mary Jean Berg of Ordway, CO. An active member of the Crowley County community, Mary Jean is this year's recipient of the 2003 Rural Healthcare Excellence Award presented by the Colorado Rural Health Center. I would like to join with the Colorado Rural Health Center in congratulating Mary Jean on this distinguished honor.

The Rural Healthcare Excellence Award is presented every year to someone who makes an outstanding contribution to rural healthcare or the rural healthcare system. Mary Jean is an obvious candidate, with over twenty years of rural healthcare experience. She has clinics located throughout Crowley and Otero counties, providing medical care that is closer to home for her patients. Mary Jean goes be-

yond the duty of a doctor; she has been known to make house calls and provide special services to her elderly patients. Mary Jean has also helped bring several new doctors and nurses into the area, ensuring an availability of healthcare professionals for years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I join with my colleagues here today in applauding Mary Jean's civic-mindedness and in recognizing this prestigious honor. This recognition to Mary Jean for her community service is well deserved, and I am proud to bring her achievements to the attention of this body of Congress today. Congratulations and thanks again, Mary Jean, for your many years of hard work. May you have many more to come!

### HONORING THE ACHIEVEMENT OF CITY OF CAMPBELL LEADERS

#### HON. MICHAEL M. HONDA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 10, 2003*

Mr. HONDA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the achievements of Campbell Mayor Daniel E. Furtado, Councilmember Jeannette Watson, and Campbell Police Captain Russell Patterson. Their work in Campbell, California, has made that city one of our Nation's safest. Today, the National League of Cities commended these leaders for developing a homeland security preparedness program that serves as a national model.

Since the tragic events of September 11th, 2001, each level of government has been faced with the challenge of making our homeland more secure. In developing the City of Campbell's Terrorism and Disaster Preparedness Program, Campbell's leaders have met this challenge by coordinating efforts between government agencies, local schools and universities, and community based organizations in order to respond to disasters quickly and efficiently.

This highly effective program utilizes an "All Hazards" approach, sharing information and resources used to combat both natural disasters and the kind of terrorist attacks our country witnessed two years ago. The program allows for the expansion of an emergency management organization based on the severity of each possible disaster or terrorist attack.

The Mayor, City Council, and Police Department deserve our gratitude. They have made invaluable contributions to the City of Campbell over the past two years.

I hope other cities throughout the United States are able to emulate Campbell's achievements, as America moves forward in protecting our homeland. The people of Campbell are more prepared for catastrophes, and are privileged to have proactive public servants working for them.

### TRIBUTE TO JODIE SPRADLIN

#### HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 10, 2003*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I stand before this body of Congress to pay tribute to a remarkable woman from my district. Jodie



Spradlin of Steamboat Springs, Colorado has demonstrated the kind of personal dedication to overcoming adversity that is truly honorable. I stand before you to recognize her today.

At the age of 16, a drunk driver collided with her family's van on the interstate and Jodie lost her leg from injuries sustained in the accident. Jodie's acceptance of her loss did not come easy. She was very self-conscious for a period of time after the amputation. However, in time, she was able to overcome her anxieties and begin living a more normal life.

Jodie now assists others by donating her old prosthetic legs to victims of land mines. A new prosthetic leg costs around \$15,000 and her contributions are the only hope for many less fortunate amputees. Her charitable actions provide others with an opportunity to conquer their own personal challenges, just as Jodie was able to do.

Today, Jodie and her husband have three children and are living happily in the mountains of Colorado. Her story serves as an inspiration to others by illustrating the significance of focusing on the important aspects of life, such as children and family, and overcoming those things that hold us back.

Mr. Speaker, it is a privilege to stand here today and honor Jodie Spradlin and her achievements before this body of Congress. Her spirit, self-determination and altruistic sense of community service are truly worthy of praise. Jodie's charitable actions demonstrate how much one person can improve the lives of others. I wish her all the best in the years to come.

#### RECOGNIZING JEFFREY GREEN

#### HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 10, 2003*

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay homage to Jeffrey Green, who is retiring this month after 20 years of service to the people of my home County, Mariposa. Jeff became County Counsel in October, 1983, and for twenty years has served with distinction in that capacity. He has served the elected officials, the staff and the citizens of the county well for those two decades.

During Jeff's tenure, he has had the distinction of serving many different members of the Board of Supervisors—so many that I confess I lost count after 15 or so—of which I am proud to say I was one. Working with Jeff was a learning experience for me. He provided sound legal advice, and was the steady hand that ensured that there would be few crises. Jeff also wrote and monitored ordinances, contracts and other legal documents, and was a source of information, opinions and assistance whenever asked. He always addressed Board concerns and concerns of individual Board members in a timely and professional manner.

In addition to his legal and administrative skills, Jeff is an expert fly-fisherman. I am sure that after his successful 20 year career in Mariposa County, he is looking forward to trying out the latest flies and catching all the fish he missed while the Board was in session.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to honor my friend Jeffrey Green upon his retirement as County Counsel for Mariposa County, California. He will be missed by all but the fish.

#### TRIBUTE TO CODY BRICKELL

#### HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 10, 2003*

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with a solemn heart that I stand before this body of Congress and this nation today to pay tribute to the life and passing of Cody Brickell, a resident of Glenwood Springs, Colorado. As his family and friends mourn their loss, I would like to pay tribute to his life and the wonderful memories he has left behind.

Just 18 years old, Cody was a recent high school graduate with plans for attending college in the fall and dreams of studying medicine. Cody was a young leader in his community, serving as the student body president, captain of the football team and a member of the Glenwood Springs High School Key Club. Cody was known for his solid work ethic, toiling long hours to save money while pouring concrete, mowing lawns and working at the local athletic club.

The loss of a life is tragic in any instance, but the loss of a young life is even more trying. Cody showed such tremendous potential for accomplishing tremendous feats in his short lifetime, and it saddens me to stand here today and mourn his passing. Cody's family and community will certainly miss his generous spirit.

Mr. Speaker, I am saddened by the untimely loss of such a kind and promising individual. Cody's commitment, compassion, and hard work garnered him respect in his community, and it is for those very qualities that I bring his life to the attention of my colleagues here today. My thoughts and prayers go out to the family and friends of Cody Brickell.

#### TRIBUTE TO 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CENTRAL MACOMB COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

#### HON. SANDER M. LEVIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 10, 2003*

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate the Central Macomb County Chamber of Commerce today, in recognition of the Chamber's 100th anniversary.

For 100 years the Central Macomb County Chamber of Commerce has dedicated itself to the community. The Chamber is a local organization operated by and for the people of the business community of Clinton Township, Mount Clemens, Harrison Township, Macomb Township and New Baltimore. It is a focal point of leadership and a gathering place for those who make the strategic decisions that shape our business lives.

The Chamber's history as a champion of downtown businesses started in 1903 as the Mount Clemens Business Men's Association. Negotiating favorable rates with the Rapid Railway interurban line, sponsoring Macomb County days, lobbying for Shadyside Park, and the establishment of Selfridge Field as a permanent military facility were among the many accomplishments of the dedicated members.

The Association had become the primary organization of representation for all types of businesses in Mount Clemens. It represented merchants, bathhouses and factories. The name was changed to the Mount Clemens Board of Commerce in 1926 to clarify their purpose and reflect their diversity. Then, in 1959, they changed the organization's name to the Greater Mount Clemens Chamber of Commerce and, finally, to its present name of Central Macomb County Chamber of Commerce in 1981.

The name may change but the dedication and service to the community remain steadfast. The Chamber's original bylaws and declaration of principles from 1903, "to encourage the patronizing of home industry; to encourage the bringing of manufacturing enterprises to our city; to promote co-operation among ourselves and to endeavor to advance in every legitimate way the welfare of our city" continue to resonate today.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the Central Macomb County Chamber of Commerce on their 100th year anniversary.

#### SEPTEMBER 11TH

#### HON. JOE BACA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 10, 2003*

Mr. BACA. Mr. Speaker, two years ago today, we mourned and cried as we watched the horrific events that unfolded before us on September 11, 2001.

The events of that day will live forever collectively in the conscience of this country.

Like Pearl Harbor, the assassination of John F. Kennedy, and the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. no one will forget where they were the moment they heard the news on that day.

September 11, 2003, like very few days before in this nation, will live forever in infamy.

We must never forget the thousands of lives that were lost as a result of those cowardly attacks. The passengers, the workers at the Pentagon and the World Trade Center and the many courageous rescue workers who in an effort to try to save lives, lost their own.

Our nation must always remember those who fell victim to terrorism on that day. Our nation must never forget the suffering felt on that day. We must never forget the pain of the families who lost their loved ones, and we must always keep them in our prayers.

But as I stand here on September 11, two years after the attacks, I am aware more now than ever before of the responsibilities we as lawmakers hold to this nation.

As leaders of the greatest nation on this Earth, we have the responsibility to fight to uphold the ideals that make this nation great. We must continue to protect freedom and democracy and never abandon the ideals put forth by our founding fathers.

We must continue to fight this war on terror and invest in our homeland security. We must make sure that attacks, like those experienced two years ago, will never happen again. And if they should happen again, we are able to respond to protect the lives of our citizens.

This country was united two years by an act of violence and terror. A renewed sense of patriotism gripped this nation and I feel that it is still present today.

Let us never forget this sensation. Let us use the tragedy of September 11, 2001 to make this a stronger nation, a nation that cannot be crippled by a zealous few. Let us use the tragedy of September 11, 2001 to make this a safe and freer world, not only for the children of the United States, but the children throughout the world. Freedom is a right entitled to all.

Let us never forget those who passed away on September 11, 2001.

Let us pray for the children who lost their parents, the parents who lost their children, and everyone who suffered a loss on that horrific day.

But also, on this commemorative day, let us not forget to pray for the safe return of our troops overseas. Though we may not all agree with the politics behind this past war, we can all agree that America's sons and daughters are overseas fighting with passion to protect our freedom. Let us not forget to include them in our prayers.

We must pray for continued peace and security in this nation and in all nations.

On behalf of the people of the Inland Empire of California, I offer my emotional and spiritual support to those whose lives were changed forever two years ago today.

And I would like to take a moment to mention the names of the three constituents I lost on that day. Cora Holland, mother of three and grandmother who died aboard American Airlines flight 11; Rhonda Rasmussen, who died at the Pentagon; and Navy Yeoman Second Class Melissa Rose Barnes, who died at the Pentagon.

#### HONORING CYNDY SIMMS

#### HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 10, 2003*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise before this body of Congress and this nation today to recognize a dedicated educator from my district. Over the last two decades, Cyndy Simms has provided Steamboat Springs, Colorado with exemplary service as the school district's Assistant Superintendent and Superintendent over the last two decades. As Cyndy's career now takes her to Washington State, I am proud to honor the determination and legacy that she leaves with Steamboat's school system.

Cyndy accepted the school district Assistant Superintendent position shortly after arriving in Steamboat Springs in 1983. She revolutionized many aspects of the Steamboat Springs School District in that position as well as in her subsequent service as Superintendent. With her consensus model of decision-making, Cyndy forged a relationship between the school district and the community which remains strong today. The school district has come a long way under Cyndy's stewardship. Cyndy cherished her position as Superintendent and the opportunity it gave her to impact so many students' lives.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to stand before this body of Congress today to express my admiration for Cyndy Simms and her service and devotion to the students of Steamboat. Individuals like Cyndy personify the dedication and commitment necessary to impart strong values

to future generations and allow them the opportunity to succeed. Thank you, Cyndy, for your dedication and selfless public service. I wish you all the best in your future endeavors.

#### INTRODUCTION OF A BILL TO RE-AUTHORIZE THE NEW JERSEY COASTAL HERITAGE TRAIL ROUTE

#### HON. FRANK A. LoBIONDO

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 10, 2003*

Mr. LoBIONDO. Mr. Speaker, the New Jersey Coastal Heritage Trail incorporates the very best of what the great State of New Jersey has to offer the rest of the Nation. Established by Congress in 1988, the Trail unifies New Jersey's many scenic points of interest. These points of interest include a wealth of environmental, historic, maritime and recreational sights found along New Jersey's coastline, stretching 300 miles from Perth Amboy to the north, Cape May in the extreme southern tip of the State and Deepwater to the west.

The Trail's area includes three National Wildlife Refuges, four tributaries of a Wild and Scenic River system, a Civil War fort and National cemetery, several lighthouses, historic homes, and other sites tied to southern New Jersey's maritime history. Through a network of themes and destinations, the New Jersey Coastal Heritage Trail connects people with places of historic, recreational, environmental and maritime interest.

One exciting aspect of the New Jersey Coastal Heritage Trail Route is its focus on maritime history. There is a rich story to be told about the industries once sustained by the Delaware Bay, such as whaling, shipbuilding, oystering and crabbing. While we often define our Nation's history through military or political milestones, the Trail will serve to remind visitors that maritime-dependent commerce was a major factor in the growth of the United States.

"Eco-tourism" along the Coastal Heritage Trail has proven to be a huge success. There is an abundant variety of natural habitats and species to be found on the Trail. Whale and dolphin watching have become extremely popular, and bird lovers from throughout the country, and in fact around the world, are realizing what Southern New Jersey residents have known all along: our region is unmatched for observing migratory birds, ospreys and bald eagles.

Today, I am introducing legislation to reauthorize the New Jersey Coastal Heritage Trail Route. This legislation would extend the authorization of the Trail to provide an additional \$4 million over 5 years to continue the work began in 1988. It would also initiate a Strategic Plan which would explore opportunities to increase participation by national and local private and public interests, as well as organizational options for sustaining the Trail.

The New Jersey Coastal Heritage Trail has helped New Jersey residents develop pride, awareness, experience with, and understanding of our coastal resources and its history. This reauthorization will allow the Trail to continue and flourish.

I urge my colleagues in the House to support this legislation.

#### HONORING CECIL TACKETT

#### HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 10, 2003*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise before this body of Congress and this nation today to pay tribute to a true American hero and dedicated father from my district, Cecil Tackett of Pagosa Springs, Colorado. An active member of the Colorado community, Cecil was recently selected as this year's Marshal of the "Our American Heroes" Fourth of July parade. I would like to join the Pagosa Springs Rotary Club and the local community in honoring Cecil's service and recognizing this distinct honor.

Cecil was an obvious choice as Marshal of the parade, as he gallantly served to protect the freedoms we enjoy today. Cecil joined the Army Air Corps before the attack on Pearl Harbor and earned his pilot's wings as a Second Lieutenant. In 1944, Cecil was stationed on Saipan Island and was responsible for conducting bombing missions throughout Japanese territory. These missions would often last 14 to 18 hours, demanding the most from both pilot and crew. It was on one of these missions when Cecil's plane, the Pride of the Yankees, lost two engines, nearly crashing over Japan. Cecil took control and landed his aircraft and its crew safely in Saipan over eight tense hours later.

After the war, Cecil completed his degree at Kansas State University and went on to help build dams in Nebraska, Texas, Oklahoma, and Kansas. He moved to Pagosa Springs in 1963 and quickly became an active community member. Cecil served on the Pagosa Springs Board of Trustees, the Board of Directors at Citizens Bank, and currently serves the San Juan Water Conservancy District, helping restore the Lower Blanco River.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to bring attention to Cecil's heroic and dutiful service. Recognition for the sacrifice he made for this country is long overdue, and I am proud to bring Cecil Tackett's achievements to the attention of this body of Congress today. Thank you again Cecil, for your many years of hard work on behalf of Pagosa Springs and the State of Colorado. May you have many more to come!

#### TRIBUTE TO CATHERINE GLENNON AND THE ONCOLOGY NURSING SOCIETY

#### HON. DAVID E. PRICE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 10, 2003*

Mr. PRICE of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, today I am pleased to honor my constituent, Catherine Glennon, for the contributions that she has made to the field of oncology nursing. Catherine has dedicated her career to individuals with cancer and their families, and she is currently the Oncology Services Health Center Administrator at the Private Diagnostic Clinic at Duke University Medical Center.

Catherine has been a member of the Oncology Nursing Society since 1976 and recently stepped down from serving on the Board of Directors. The Oncology Nursing Society, the

largest professional oncology group in the United States, exists to promote excellence in oncology nursing and the provision of quality care to those individuals affected by cancer. As part of its mission, the Society honors and maintains nursing's historical commitment to advocacy for the public good.

Catherine Glennon has received numerous awards and recognition for her work on behalf of individuals with cancer including the Oncology Nursing Foundation Nurse Administrator/Manager Career Development Award, participation in the Center for Nursing Leadership, and recognition in Who's Who in American Nursing. She has also authored a number of studies and articles on quality cancer care and the nursing shortage that have appeared in several distinguished publications. In addition, Catherine has given numerous presentations to national audiences on a host of cancer care, health, and nursing shortage issues.

Over the last ten years, the setting where treatment for cancer is provided has changed dramatically. Oncology nurses like Catherine are the front-line providers of cancer care with responsibilities ranging from administering chemotherapy, managing patient therapies and side effects, working with insurance companies to ensure that patients receive the appropriate treatment, and providing counseling to patients and family members. Without an adequate supply of such nurses, we cannot provide quality cancer care to a growing population of people in need.

I was proud to support the passage of the "Nurse Reinvestment Act" in the 107th Congress. This important piece of legislation expanded and implemented programs at HRSA to address the multiple problems contributing to the nationwide nursing shortage, including the decline in nursing student enrollments, shortage of faculty, and dissatisfaction with nurse workplace environments.

I commend Catherine Glennon and the Oncology Nursing Society for all of their hard work to prevent and reduce suffering from cancer and to improve the lives of those 1.3 million Americans who will be diagnosed with cancer this year. I am hopeful that growing numbers of young people will follow in Catherine's footsteps and pursue a career in the rewarding and challenging profession of nursing.

#### TRIBUTE TO PAUL DEYERLE

#### HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 10, 2003*

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with a solemn heart that I stand before this Congress and this nation today to pay tribute to a dedicated veteran and loving family man from my district. Paul Deyerle of Pueblo, Colorado died recently at the age of 86. Paul's dedication and commitment to his country have left a legacy of leadership that we would all be wise to emulate. I am proud to stand and recognize his accomplishments here today.

As a member of the Army Air Corps in World War II, Paul fought to protect the freedoms we cherish today. Paul also met his future wife Kay during his stint in the army; the couple would later marry and be blessed with three children. When Paul returned from the

war he settled in Pueblo and was a founding member of the Pueblo West Ecumenical Church. At the church, Paul's humorous, loving spirit was evident, and he would later be recognized for the community service he provided his hometown. Paul was voted Optimist of the Year in 1981, 1986, and 1992.

Mr. Speaker, I am saddened by the loss of such a kind and caring individual. The hard work and dedication that Paul has shown to Pueblo and the United States is truly remarkable. It was Paul's selflessness, reliability and positive spirit that have garnered him respect, and it is for those qualities that he has earned my respect. My thoughts and prayers go out to Paul's family and friends. He will surely be missed.

#### DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2004

#### HON. JUANITA MILLENDER-McDONALD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 9, 2003*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2765) making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against the revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes:

Ms. MILLENDER-McDONALD. Mr. Chairman, I want to voice my vigorous opposition to the proposed legislation to implement a school voucher program in the District of Columbia.

We cannot in good conscience ask the cash-strapped schools in the District of Columbia to impose another layer of bureaucracy on its school system when positive changes are now underway to improve the quality of public education for the most needy of students. Already, the District is showing improvement through its 15 transformation schools which were created using the lowest performing schools attended by the city's poorest students, who have made significant gains in their Stanford 9 achievement scores. Also, the District has shown great success through its 42 charter schools which represent the largest number per capita in the nation. Instead of adding an unproven new program, scarce federal resources would be much better spent shoring up these two popular and proven education options. Why can't Members of Congress and local elected officials in the District focus on funding the programs which are working and are supported by most parents? We should not be in the business of funding risky ventures like school vouchers when public schools are being overlooked for funding. Furthermore, we should not authorize funding school vouchers here in our second home when Congress has already opposed vouchers in the rest of the country. The District of Columbia should not be used as a laboratory for an educational experiment that few if any Members would try in their home districts.

By approving the use of school vouchers here in the District, a competition will be set in motion between public and private schools fighting for the same pool of scarce federal education funding. Any new federal funding should be allocated to schools made accountable to the public—charter schools and the

District's public schools. The three-sector approach in the Senate's companion bill would avoid making private schools accountable, and the addition of funding for public schools seems to be an afterthought in order to push the voucher legislation through. This intent is quite apparent through the Senate bill's attempt to authorize private school vouchers for five years while making only a one-time appropriation to public schools.

Given that the Government Accounting Office (GAO) conducted a study which indicated no difference in achievement levels between students attending public schools and those using vouchers to attend private schools, we would be seriously remiss in allowing vouchers to prevail.

If we care about changing the quality of the District's public schools to truly benefit all children, we must continue to support public schools with all available resources.

#### TRIBUTE TO FRED SIPE

#### HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 10, 2003*

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise before this body of Congress and this nation today to pay tribute to Fred Sipe of La Junta, Colorado. Fred recently retired from Otero Junior College where he taught art, drafting, and computer aided design. As Fred prepares for retirement, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize his many years of hard work and dedication to Otero Junior College.

When Fred arrived at Otero Junior College in 1992, he fell in love with the town and the campus. He quickly began work as an art teacher. Through eleven years at the school, Fred has taught almost every art class the college has to offer. However, Fred did not restrict himself to the classroom; he was known to attend almost every extracurricular event he could. He was considered a regular at art shows, concerts, and athletic events, usually accompanied by his wife Joan.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to stand before this Congress and this nation to recognize the accomplishments of Fred Sipe. His hard work and dedication provided students with the ability to learn about art in new, creative ways. Teaching our nation's youth is truly a noble calling, and Fred's 11 years of service are truly a remarkable accomplishment. Thank you, Fred, for the service you have provided our community. I wish you all the best in your retirement.

#### RAISE THE MINIMUM WAGE, NOT CONGRESSIONAL PAY

#### HON. MIKE ROSS

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 10, 2003*

Mr. ROSS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to voice my opposition to the pay increase that Members of Congress voted to grant themselves during the debate on the Treasury and Transportation spending bill.

Every year, Congress votes on this pay raise, and every year that I have been a Member of this body, I have stood against it. It's simply not right for us to give ourselves more money when there are so many people waiting for an increase in the minimum wage.

Many of my colleagues feel the same way about the Congressional pay raise, but unfortunately the House leadership did not allow us to vote for this specific item, because it was included within a broader spending bill. Voting against this bill would mean voting against billions of dollars for our roads and other worthwhile projects. Rather, we were forced to voice our opposition in the form of a procedural vote, and I did so.

There are thousands of people in my district who hold minimum wage positions, people I was elected to serve. I would only be serving myself if I voted to raise my salary, and that is not why I'm here.

I will continue to vote against congressional pay raises until the minimum wage is increased for working families.

#### TRIBUTE TO IRENE MARTINEZ

#### HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 10, 2003*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I stand before this body of Congress and this nation today to recognize the thirty years of service that Irene Martinez has dedicated to the children of the Manzanola School District. Irene is retiring after having served as both a cook and teacher's aide since 1973. As we mark her retirement, I would like to commend Irene for the devotion that she has shown to her students over the years.

Irene began her career with the Manzanola School District as a teacher's aide, though quickly switched careers and became a cook. She loved her job and says she will truly miss the students. Irene has seen three generations pass through her schools, having served the grandparents of some of today's students. Irene is looking forward to her retirement, with plans to do some gardening and spend time with her family.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize the contributions Irene Martinez has made to the health and well being of Colorado's children. Irene will certainly be missed by the children under her care and by her co-workers who have come to know and admire her remarkable dedication. Irene, I wish you all the best in your retirement. Thank you for your many years of exemplary service.

#### THE TRAGIC DEATH OF JOSEPH CAMARA, HUSBAND, FATHER, POLICE OFFICER AND PATRIOT

#### HON. BARNEY FRANK

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 10, 2003*

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, September 1, a good and courageous man gave his life for his country. Joseph M. Camara was tragically killed while serving his nation in Iraq, as a member of the

Rhode Island National Guard. In civilian life, as in military life, Sergeant Camara was a man dedicated to protecting his fellow citizens. He was a highly respected and deeply admired police officer in the City of New Bedford. Mr. Camara leaves behind his wife and three children, and they are joined in their grieving at the loss of this patriot by hundreds of thousands of their fellow citizens in Massachusetts and Rhode Island. Of course nothing we can say will alleviate the pain that Mr. Camara's family feels at this untimely death, but we can at least demonstrate to them how deeply we sympathize with them and it is important for us to recognize here in the United States House of Representatives the terrible sacrifice Mr. Camara made in the service of his country.

Mr. Speaker, the citizens of New Bedford, where Mr. Camara lived, raised his family, and served with great distinction as a police officer are especially devastated by his death. The people of the city have with one voice expressed their most profound condolences to the Camara family. And the depth of that feeling has been well conveyed by a series of articles in the New Bedford Standard Times about this terrible incident.

Mr. Speaker, to commemorate Joseph Camara, to recognize appropriately in the United States Congress the enormous debt that we owe his wife and children, and to pay tribute to the people of New Bedford, who have been so steadfast in their support of the Camara family, I ask that the articles from the New Bedford Standard Times about the death of Joseph Camara in the service of his country be printed here.

[From the New Bedford Standard Times, Sept. 3, 2003]

#### NEW BEDFORD POLICE OFFICER KILLED IN IRAQ (By Steve Urban)

CRANSTON, R.I.—A New Bedford police officer became the first SouthCoast resident killed in action in the Iraq war when a home-made land mine exploded on a highway near Baghdad on Monday, killing two National Guardsmen.

Staff Sgt. Joseph M. Camara, 40, married and the father of three, was on patrol with two other guardsmen from Rhode Island's 115th Military Police Company when the device exploded beneath their Humvee and ignited the fuel and ammunition aboard, Lt. Col. Michael McNamara of the Rhode Island National Guard said yesterday at a press conference in Cranston announcing the deaths.

He said Sgt. Camara, a patrolman in the New Bedford Police Department when not on National Guard duty, was killed instantly as was Sgt. Charles Caldwell, 38, of North Providence, who was married with no children. Sgt. Caldwell was driving the vehicle in a convoy in the late morning on a road north of Baghdad, and Sgt. Camara was riding in the passenger seat as vehicle commander.

Spc. Edmund Aponte, 35, of Providence, who was manning the vehicle's machine gun at the time, suffered burns and shrapnel wounds and is hospitalized but expected to make a complete recovery, Lt. Col. McNamara said. Spc. Aponte is married and has three children.

National Guard officials gave details at a noon press conference at their Cranston headquarters, which followed a meeting with many of the families of the men and women in Iraq with the 115th M.P. Company. The company is in Iraq as part of the 220th Military Police Brigade, supporting combat troops performing such missions as house-to-house weapons searches and road patrols.

Flags were lowered to half-staff across southern New England as the news spread of the first casualties in the National Guard unit in 58 years. Its members come from across southeastern Massachusetts, Rhode Island and southeastern Connecticut. In all, 600 members of the Rhode Island National Guard are serving in hot spots overseas—360 of them in Iraq.

Rhode Island's adjutant general and National Guard commanding general Maj. Gen. Reginald Centracchio and Rhode Island Gov. Donald Carcieri were grim-faced as they announced the news.

"All of our hearts are broken over this," Gov. Carcieri said. "Our worst fears have been realized."

Having met with the families anxious for the safety of their relatives in Iraq, Gov. Carcieri said that often "we do not appreciate the sacrifice that these men and women are undergoing."

"This is a terrible reminder that they are in harm's way," he said.

Gen. Centracchio alluded to the changed nature of the conflict and suggested that as well-prepared, trained and led as the troops are, the United States is not fully prepared for the guerrilla war that has evolved in Iraq.

"We're fighting an unconventional war," he said. "We have to devise a way of dealing with a culture that is alien to our set of values."

"Now we're dealing with the unknown," he said. "They'll shake your hand in a friendly way during the day, and at night the same individual is willing to give his life to satisfy his thoughts."

"We have to adapt to the kind of warfare we're dealing with," Gen. Centracchio said.

He said that would involve more training and more access to armored vehicles that could withstand a land mine of the kind his men encountered this week. He remarked that the makeup of the fighting forces has changed in recent years, with reserves constituting more of the primary fighting units.

National Guard units, he said, "are the Army. They are the Air Force."

Lt. Col. McNamara said the "improvised explosive device" that detonated beneath the vehicle could have been remotely controlled by wire or transmitter. The Humvee, which was configured in a "turtle" fashion for use by the military police, was entirely vulnerable to such a threat. It carried its own fuel as well as machine gun and 9 mm pistol ammunition, and was on a routine patrol to keep supply lines open.

The 115th left Rhode Island Feb. 12 for Fort Drum, N.Y., and more training. The 360 men and women arrived in Kuwait April 2 and entered Iraq in early May.

[From the Standard-Times, Sept. 4, 2003]

#### LOSING GUARDSMAN JOSEPH M. CAMARA

The troubling war in Iraq and even more disturbing after-war struck us on the home front this week when an exploding land mine outside Baghdad robbed this world of National Guard Staff Sgt. Joseph M. Camara.

The 40-year-old New Bedford police officer was a bulwark of the South End neighborhood where he lived with his wife, two daughters and son.

He was the essence of a community police officer so desperately needed in this city of rising violence.

Not only did he do his job with distinction during his regular shifts as a city patrol officer, but he gave his family and neighbors on McGurk Street in the South End a profound sense of security.

His solid presence allowed them to sleep easier and take greater pride in their working-class neighborhood of old three-story homes.

He was not afraid to step outside his home to ask someone to stop creating bothersome noise or even to chase a bandit down the street. Relatives recall he once burst into a burning home to save a life.

He spent his free time with his family, enjoying the kind of close relationships with his wife and children that make life rich and wonderful.

This country, this city, this neighborhood and this family are heartbroken at the loss of such a fine man to the war in Iraq.

He gave with a generosity to his country, his city and his family that cannot be replaced.

[From the Standard Times, Sept. 3, 2003]

SOUTH END NEIGHBORHOOD WILL FEEL VOID  
LEFT BY OFFICER'S DEATH

(By Ray Henry)

NEW BEDFORD.—Two years ago, Luisa Vieira was sitting in her house when a series of quick gunshots interrupted the evening calm on McGurk Street.

Rushing to the window, she looked across the street and saw her neighbor, Officer Joseph M. Camara, run down the walkway leading from his family's second-floor apartment and chase the car while unarmed and barely dressed.

Within minutes, she said, the off-duty officer had warned others of danger, called for help and sealed off part of the street.

"He chased the car barefoot and in his boxers. He was very protective of children and the kids out there," Ms. Vieira said.

Yesterday, as word of Staff Sgt. Camara's death in Iraq spread around his South End neighborhood, his friends and family gathered at the Camara home and remembered the family man as a source of law and order in the sometimes rough neighborhood.

Sgt. Camara, who served in the 115th Military Police Company of the Rhode Island National Guard, and Sgt. Charles Caldwell of North Providence died on Monday when their Humvee truck struck an improvised land mine north of Baghdad. A third man, Spc. Edmund Aponte of Providence, was wounded in the explosion.

"His death certainly brings out the reality of war. He served in a life-and-death occupation on his regular job with the city and, like other patriots, he went to serve his country," said New Bedford Mayor Frederick M. Kalisz Jr., who ordered city flags to half-staff yesterday afternoon.

Since Sgt. Camara was a police officer for four years, Police Chief Carl K. Moniz drove to the Camaras home on McGurk Street yesterday morning with a military attache charged with telling Ana Camara that her husband had died.

"I think of all the things you go through in the course of a career, that pales when compared to something such as the circumstances today. Thank God I didn't have to say the words about the loss of their loved one. That was left to someone else. But I had to see the grief and anguish," Chief Moniz said.

Sgt. Camara was appointed to the Police Department on May 2, 1999. He patrolled city streets, at first from the South End station and then from the North End station.

"He was very unassuming and calm," said Capt. Kevin Hegarty, who supervised the North End station. "He wasn't excitable or an outspoken guy."

The "quiet and competent" officer, Capt. Hegarty said, was a reassuring presence both at work and, according to this neighbors, at home.

"We knew if there was a problem we could go right across (the street)," said neighbor Gary Cameron, 36, who said Sgt. Camara's presence figured heavily in his decision to

rent an apartment on McGurk Street. The neighborhood was usually peaceful when Sgt. Camara was around.

"He would come out and let you know if you were making too much noise, to carry along," Mr. Cameron said.

A 1981 graduate of New Bedford High School, Sgt. Camara was once a general utility worker for Cliftex Clothing before he studied to become a police officer, friends said.

He joined the National Guard at 19 and neighbors often saw him wearing his black beret and fatigues when he left for training on the weekends or during longer two-week stints.

He and his wife have three young children, two girls and a boy, and she was nervous when his unit left in February for Iraq, friends said.

"She said she wasn't crazy about him going," said Ivo Furtado, 35.

Neighbor Maria Ramos, 35, said she often spotted Sgt. Camara piling his three children into the couple's Astro before going to martial arts lessons. Other times, he could be found playing ball on the street or sidewalk with the neighborhood youths or out enjoying a walk in Hazelwood Park.

"He was always out there with the kids. He was a family-oriented man," said Ms. Ramos, who first met the Camara family when her daughter and their children were in elementary school together.

The Camara family, which gathered in yesterday's cold and mist, declined to speak with reporters. Most remained inside the family's three-story house, decorated with American flags and yellow ribbons.

"They're not taking it too good," Mr. Furtado said. His wife, Lucy, had approached Sgt. Camara's sister earlier in the morning, just after the family had been notified.

"She couldn't believe he was gone," Mrs. Furtado said.

During the afternoon, the Rev. John M. Sullivan, the city's police chaplain and pastor of St. Lawrence Martyr Church, visited the Camara family.

"One woman there, who is the wife of a police officer and whose husband is in Iraq, said that you're always waiting for your husband to come through the door, but when this happens 7,000 miles away from home, it is even more crushing," the Rev. Sullivan said.

He said there are no easy answers to explain the tragedies of war.

"We always ask why, but there is no good reason when one human being kills another whether in violence in the city or in war. There are no easy answers to questions like that," he said.

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SOUTH COAST OFFICIALS PRAISE OFFICER'S  
SERVICE

(By Ray Henry)

NEW BEDFORD.—The body of Staff Sgt. Joseph M. Camara, a New Bedford police officer killed this week in Iraq, was scheduled to be flown to Dover Air Force Base in Delaware last night, the first step in what officials said will be a long process of grief, ceremony and bureaucracy.

Sgt. Camara, of 13 McGurk St., and Sgt. Charles Caldwell, of North Providence, R.I., both soldiers in the 115th Military Police Company of the Rhode Island National Guard, were killed Monday when an improvised land mine exploded under their Humvee on a road north of Baghdad. A third man, Spc. Edmund Aponte of Providence, was seriously injured.

As representatives of the Delaware Army National Guard prepared to receive the bodies in a private ceremony, South Coast congressmen praised Sgt. Camara's local and global public service.

"He was a man who was willing to endanger himself to protect others, both at home as a police officer, and abroad as a soldier," said U.S. Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass.

"I know that words can do nothing to alleviate the pain that the Camara family feels at the death of this brave patriot," Rep. Frank said. "But they should know that they are joined by their friends, neighbors and, indeed, all other Americans in mourning the loss of a good, courageous man who gave his life for his country."

Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., who lost a brother in World War II, had similar wishes for the Camara family.

"When Sgt. Camara wasn't serving his nation in the Army in Iraq, he proudly fought to keep the streets safe for the families of New Bedford. He dedicated his life to protecting others, and we will forever honor that service to family, community and country," Sen. Kennedy said.

Sgt. Camara's family declined to comment yesterday, but neighbors continued to add flowers and candles along the fence lining his family's three-story home in the South End.

The Rhode Island National Guard has assigned two lieutenant colonels to work as liaisons with the families of both slain men, said Lt. Col. Michael B. McNamara, a unit spokesman.

Both liaisons, known in military parlance as casualty assistance officers, will help the families make funeral arrangements and guide them through the process of claiming benefits. The officer typically are assigned to families for about 45 days, but they sometimes continue to answer family inquiries for years.

"Their primary duty is to that family. That's their only duty," Lt. Col. McNamara said. "As you can imagine, being a government program, there's a lot of paperwork."

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FAMILY, SERVICE WERE HIS GUIDES

(By Ray Henry)

NEW BEDFORD.—After spending more than 20 years in uniform, Staff Sgt. Joseph M. Camara turned in his retirement papers to the Rhode Island Army National Guard.

But defense officials barred the retirements of many soldiers after the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks, including that of Sgt. Camara and others in the 115th Military Police Company out of Cranston. In February, the unit was ordered to Iraq where an exploding land mine on Monday killed Sgt. Camara and Sgt. Charles Caldwell of North Providence on a road north of Baghdad.

"He had turned in his papers and served his time, but he didn't turn his back on his country," said his wife, Ana Camara, in an interview yesterday in front of her family's McGurk Street home.

"He loved being in the Army. He loved serving in the Police Department. I've lost my soulmate. My children have lost a wonderful father," she said.

Lt. Col. Michael B. McNamara, a spokesman for the unit, could not comment directly on Sgt. Camara's attempt to retire but noted that regulations issued after the Sept. 11 terror attacks on New York and the Pentagon kept many in Sgt. Camara's company from leaving.

Several family members were overcome by tears as they tried to describe Sgt. Camara, who served in Saudi Arabia during Operation Desert Storm in 1991.

"He was everything to me. He's my brother and now he's my guardian angel," said his sister, Michelle Camara.

Although Sgt. Camara had only been a New Bedford police officer for four years, he had decided to "serve and protect" long before he took the oath in October 1999. He ran into his neighborhood's burning house on July 21, 1995, to rescue an elderly woman and

two children trapped by a spreading kitchen fire.

Mrs. Camara also remembered how her husband stopped on Route 18 one night to guide traffic around a car that had blown two tires. Others recalled this summer night two years ago when Sgt. Camara ran out of his apartment barefoot and in boxer shorts to chase a gunman driving down McGurk Street.

"He liked the right thing to go on in the world," said his brother John Camara, explaining why Sgt. Camara became a police officer. "As long as his eyes were open, he'd be on duty."

Despite his nearly lifelong interest in law enforcement, Sgt. Camara was hesitant to apply for a job on the police force, Mrs. Camara said. He opted instead to work for a private security company, fearing the long hours and constant stress would harm his family life.

Finally, Mrs. Camara said she convinced her husband to aim higher.

"I said, 'Go, do it. You're driving me crazy. Don't worry about us,'" she said.

Although Sgt. Camara worked the mid-night to 8 a.m. shift, he remained a devoted father, she said. After a full night of work, he once took his children to the "Rugrats" movie—and only fell asleep once.

As his son Matthew grew older, the duo enjoyed watching wrestling matches and Monster Truck rallies. But he's also rent romantic dramas to watch with his wife, she said.

For Sgt. Camara, "children" were an extended concept. The couple had three of their own, but Sgt. Camara also referred to the younger soldiers in the National Guard unit as "my kids," Mrs. Camara said. He once led a pack of 20 neighborhood youths on a bike ride that ended in a round of slushies for everyone at a convenience store.

"That third shift never affected his family life," Mrs. Camara said.

The couple met through a mutual friend in New Bedford one year after Sgt. Camara joined the military, she said. They were

friends before they started dating, a development that she believed helped them to communicate directly in the years that followed.

She was away from her house on Tuesday when a National Guard liaison arrived to inform her family on Sgt. Camara's death. A telephone call from a relative urged her to quickly return home, but a television reporter confronted her before she opened her front door and saw the uniformed man waiting inside.

"I step out of my van and there's a man with a camera waiting for me. That was the most horrible thing I had ever gone through," she said. "When did my private life become a media frenzy?"

Yesterday, Mrs. Camara thanked the police officers and the family members of the National Guard servicemen and -women who have offered her support during the past week.

"It's a family and I feel like they'll never forget my children," she said.

## SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules committee—of the time, place, and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled, and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, September 11, 2003 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

## MEETINGS SCHEDULED

## SEPTEMBER 15

2:30 p.m.

Governmental Affairs  
Financial Management, the Budget, and International Security Subcommittee  
To hold hearings to examine defined benefit pension plans and the Pension Benefits Guaranty Corporation, focusing on specific changes that may be required within the current pension system to help ensure the financial stability of companies with underfunded pension liabilities.

SD-342

## SEPTEMBER 16

9:30 a.m.

Environment and Public Works  
Fisheries, Wildlife, and Water Subcommittee  
To hold oversight hearings to examine the implementation of the Clean Water Act.

SD-406

Governmental Affairs

To hold oversight hearings to examine the future of the GAO; to be immediately followed by a hearing to consider the nomination of C. Suzanne Mencer, of Colorado, to be the Director of the Office for Domestic Preparedness, Department of Homeland Security.

SD-342

Judiciary

Rules and Administration

To hold joint hearings to examine the continuity of the United States government in relation to the Presidency.

SR-325

10 a.m.

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Harvey S. Rosen, of New Jersey, and Kristin J. Forbes, of Massachusetts, each to be a Member of the Council of Economic Advisers, Julie L. Myers, of Kansas, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Export En-

forcement, and Peter Lichtenbaum, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Export Administration.

SD-538

Veterans' Affairs

To hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to receive the legislative presentation of The American Legion.

SH-216

2:30 p.m.

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs  
International Trade and Finance Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine financial reconstruction in Iraq.

SD-538

Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine the importance of the H-1 visa to the American economy.

SD-226

## SEPTEMBER 17

10 a.m.

Energy and Natural Resources  
Business meeting to consider pending calendar business.

SD-366

Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine what can be done to ensure the future viability of the U.S. Postal Service.

SD-342

Indian Affairs

To hold hearings to examine S. 420, to provide for the acknowledgement of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina.

SR-485

Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Margaret Catharine Rodgers, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Florida, Roger W. Titus, to be United States District Judge for the District of Maryland, George W. Miller, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims, and David W. McKeague, of Michigan, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit.

SD-226

2 p.m.

Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine effective federal, state and local law enforcement strategies to combat gang violence in America.

SD-226

2:30 p.m.

Foreign Relations

International Economic Policy, Export and Trade Promotion Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine West Africa and Latin America in relation to U.S. Energy Security.

SD-419

## SEPTEMBER 18

10 a.m.

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions  
Aging Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine abuse of the elderly.

SD-430

## SEPTEMBER 23

10 a.m.

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions  
To hold hearings to examine health technology.

SD-430

## SEPTEMBER 24

10 a.m.

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions  
Business meeting to consider pending calendar business.

SD-430

Indian Affairs

To hold hearings to examine S. 1601, to amend the Indian Child Protection and Family Violence Prevention Act to provide for the reporting and reduction of child abuse and family violence incidences on Indian reservations.

SR-485

## SEPTEMBER 25

10 a.m.

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions  
To hold hearings to examine intellectual diversity.

SD-430

Indian Affairs

To hold hearings to examine proposed legislation to reauthorize the Head Start program.

Room to be announced

## SEPTEMBER 30

10 a.m.

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs  
To hold hearings to examine the state of the securities industry.

SD-538

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions  
Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine underage drinking.

SD-430

## OCTOBER 2

2 p.m.

Indian Affairs

To hold hearings to examine S. 1438, to provide for equitable compensation of the Spokane Tribe of Indians of the Spokane Reservation in settlement of claims of the Tribe concerning the contribution of the Tribe to the production of hydropower by the Grand Coulee Dam.

SR-485

## OCTOBER 16

10 a.m.

Indian Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the Missouri River Master Manual.

SR-485

## OCTOBER 21

10 a.m.

Indian Affairs

To hold hearings to examine S. 1565, to reauthorize the Native American Programs Act of 1974.

SR-485

## POSTPONEMENTS

## SEPTEMBER 17

10 a.m.

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions  
Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the report of the Mental Health Commission.

SD-430